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- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicant encloses a Form PTO-1449 and a copy of the reference listed thereon.
- 2) This statement is being filed simultaneously with the above identified new patent application.
- (see reference columns 9 and 10)

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- 4) Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed

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5) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1 to 20 are respectfully requested.

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